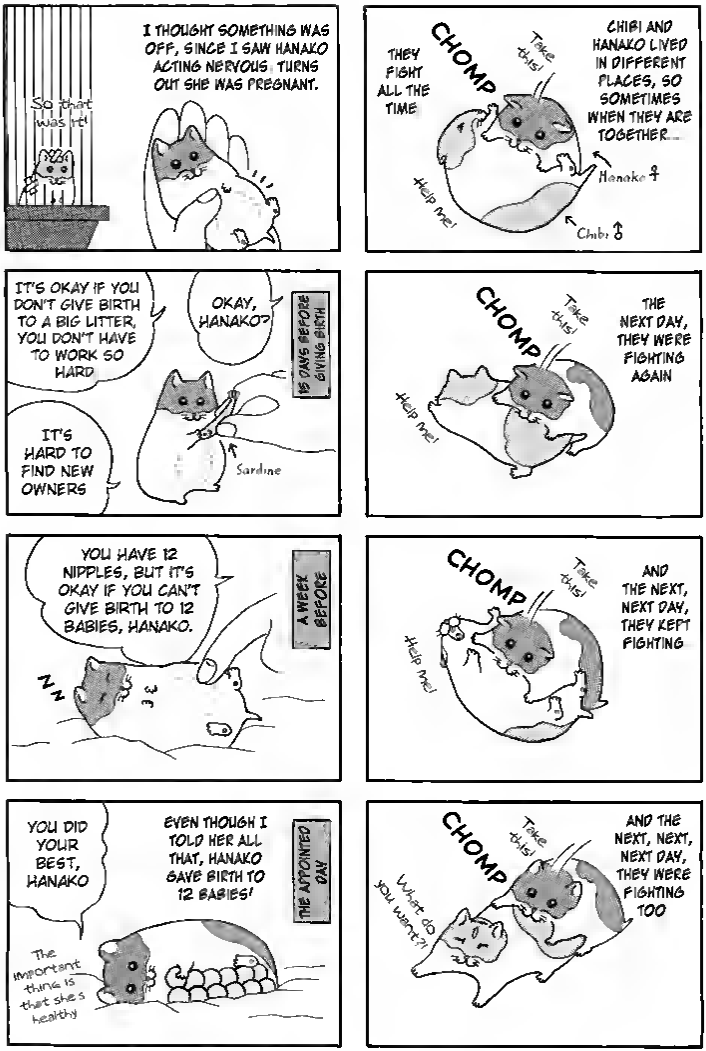
HAM-REPORT BONUS

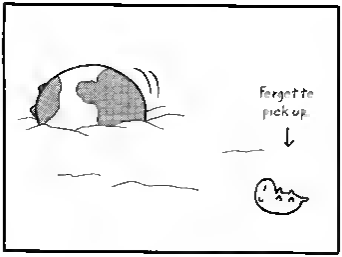
# CHIBI HAM'S SECRET STORY

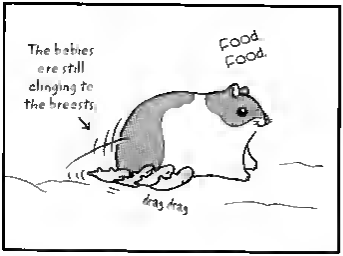
THIS STORY TAKES PLACE A LITTLE EARLIER...

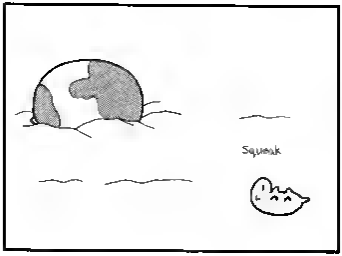

So that was it!
I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS OFF, SINCE I SAW HANAKO ACTING NERVOUS. TURNS OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT.
THEY FIGHT ALL THE TIME
CHOMP
Take this!
Help me!
CHIBI AND HANAKO LIVED IN DIFFERENT PLACES, SO SOMETIMES WHEN THEY ARE TOGETHER...
Hanako ♀
Chibi ♂
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T GIVE BIRTH TO A BIG LITTER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD
OKAY, HANAKO?
15 DAYS BEFORE GIVING BIRTH
IT'S HARD TO FIND NEW OWNERS
Sardine
CHOMP
Take this!
Help me!
THE NEXT DAY, THEY WERE FIGHTING AGAIN
YOU HAVE 12 NIPPLES, BUT IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN'T GIVE BIRTH TO 12 BABIES, HANAKO.
A WEEK BEFORE
CHOMP
Take this!
Help me!
AND THE NEXT, NEXT DAY, THEY KEPT FIGHTING
YOU DID YOUR BEST, HANAKO
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HER ALL THAT, HANAKO GAVE BIRTH TO 12 BABIES!
THE APPOINTED DAY
The important thing is that she's healthy
CHOMP
Take this!
What do you want?!
AND THE NEXT, NEXT, NEXT DAY, THEY WERE FIGHTING TOO

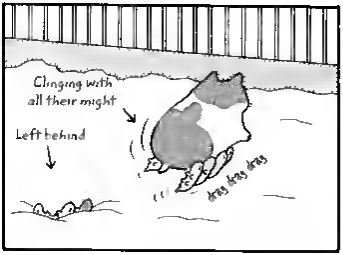
ON HER WAY BACK, HANAKO PICKED UP THE BABIES.
Squeak

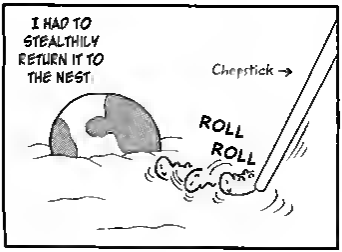
...BUT SHE SLOWLY STARTED COMING OUT.
HANAKO, HERE'S YOUR FOOD
FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, HANAKO DIDN'T LEAVE HER NEST, EVEN WHEN I CALLED HER TO EAT.

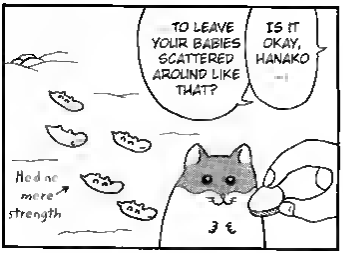

Forgot to pick up

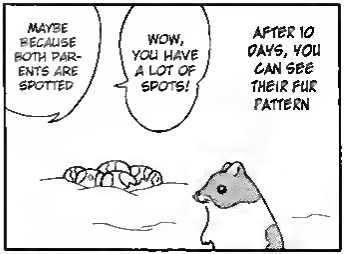

The babies are still clinging to the breasts.
Food. Food.
drag drag

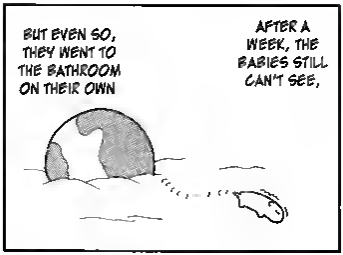

Squeak

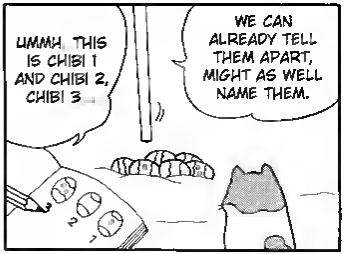

Clinging with all their might
Left behind
drag drag drag

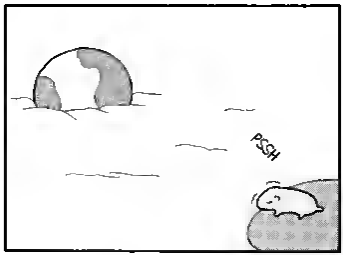

I HAD TO STEALTHILY RETURN IT TO THE NEST.
Chopstick
ROLL ROLL


TO LEAVE YOUR BABIES SCATTERED AROUND LIKE THAT?
IS IT OKAY, HANAKO —?
Had no more strength
3 ¢

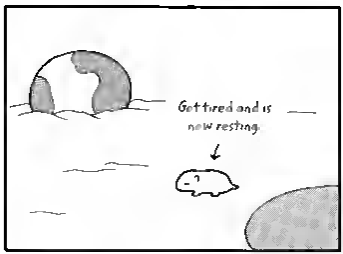

MAYBE BECAUSE BOTH PARENTS ARE SPOTTED
WOW, YOU HAVE A LOT OF SPOTS!
AFTER 10 DAYS, YOU CAN SEE THEIR FUR PATTERN

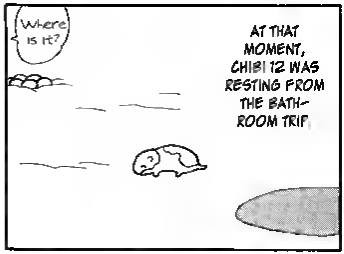

BUT EVEN SO, THEY WENT TO THE BATHROOM ON THEIR OWN
AFTER A WEEK, THE BABIES STILL CAN'T SEE,

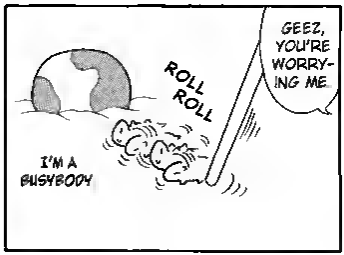

UMMM, THIS IS CHIBI 1 AND CHIBI 2, CHIBI 3...
WE CAN ALREADY TELL THEM APART, MIGHT AS WELL NAME THEM.

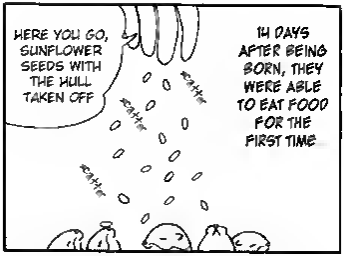

PSSH

HUH? ONE IS MISSING..
CHIBI 8, CHIBI 9, CHIBI 10, CHIBI 11...
CHIBI 12 IS NOT HERE?

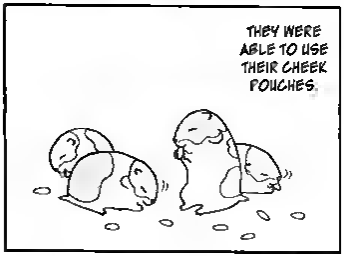

Got tired and is now resting.

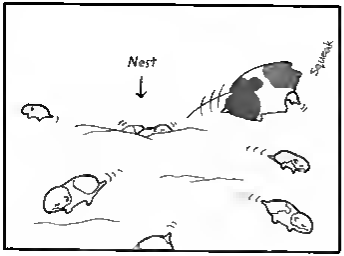

Where is it?
AT THAT MOMENT, CHIBI 12 WAS RESTING FROM THE BATHROOM TRIP.

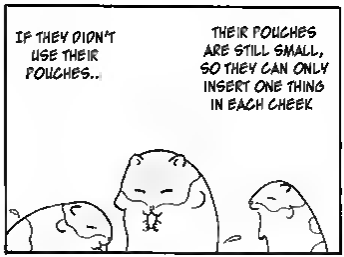

GEEZ, YOU'RE WORRYING ME.
ROLL ROLL
I'M A BUSYBODY

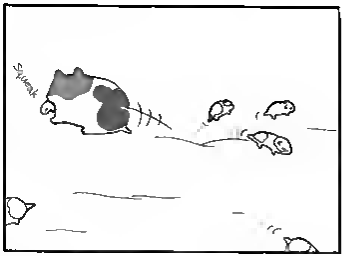

HERE YOU GO, SUNFLOWER SEEDS WITH THE HULL TAKEN OFF
scatter
scatter
scatter
scatter
14 DAYS AFTER BEING BORN, THEY WERE ABLE TO EAT FOOD FOR THE FIRST TIME

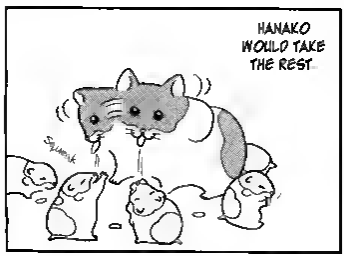
Gathers them back to the nest
AROUND THAT TIME, THEY STARTED LEAVING THE NEST AND WALKING AROUND
Squeak
wander
wander
wander
wander


THEY WERE ABLE TO USE THEIR CHEEK POUCHES.

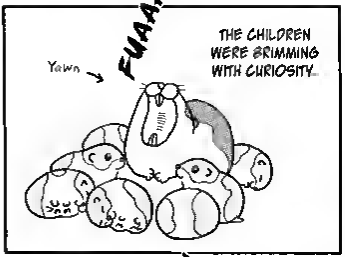

Nest
Squeak

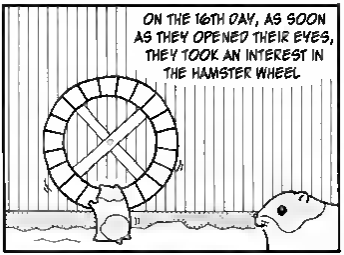

IF THEY DIDN'T USE THEIR POUCHES..
THEIR POUCHES ARE STILL SMALL, SO THEY CAN ONLY INSERT ONE THING IN EACH CHEEK


Squeak

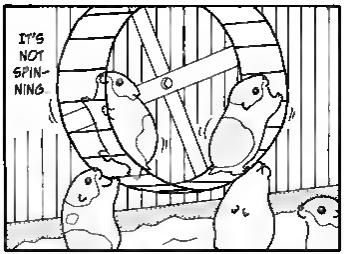

HANAKO WOULD TAKE THE REST
Squeak

HANAKO FORGOT WHERE THE NEST WAS
WHILE GATHERING THE 12 BABIES
Squeak
Squeak
Squeak
Squeak


Yawn
FUAAA
THE CHILDREN WERE BRIMMING WITH CURIOSITY.


ON THE 16TH DAY, AS SOON AS THEY OPENED THEIR EYES, THEY TOOK AN INTEREST IN THE HAMSTER WHEEL

AAAH
Staaaaaaaaaaaaare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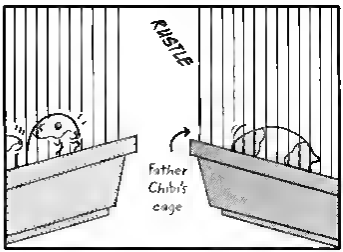
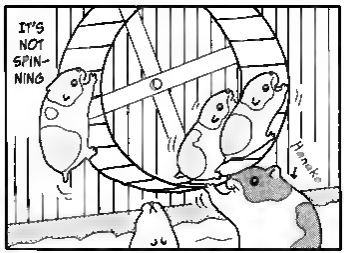
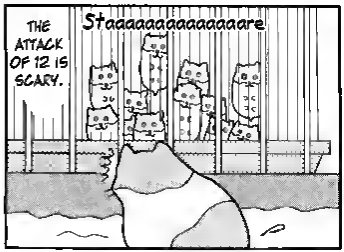
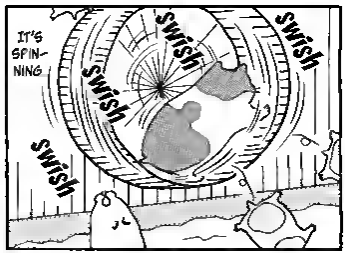
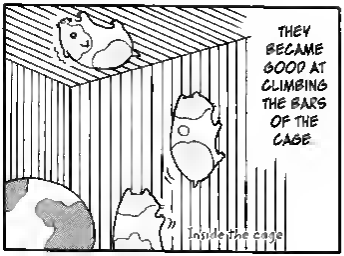

RUSTLE
Father Chibi's cage

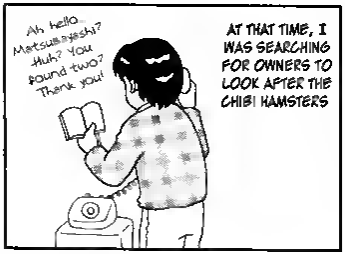

IT'S NOT SPIN-NING
Hamster

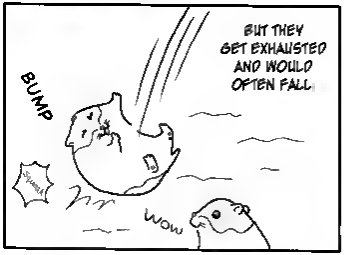

THE ATTACK OF 12 IS SCARY.
Staaaaaaaaaaaaare


IT'S SPIN-NING
swish
swish
swish
swish

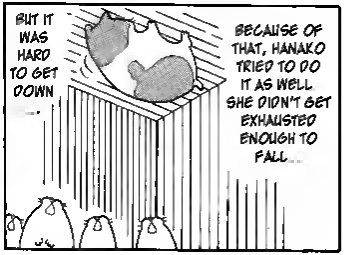
IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE PEACEFUL EVERY DAY, BUT...
Net sea lions

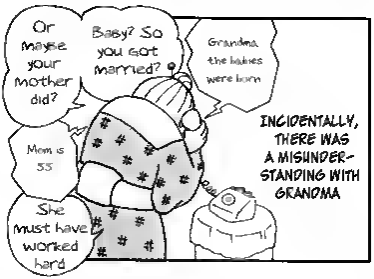

THEY BECAME GOOD AT CLIMBING THE BARS OF THE CAGE
Inside the cage

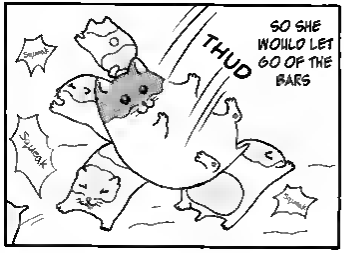

Ah hello... Matsushiyoshi? Huh? You found two? Thank you!
AT THAT TIME, I WAS SEARCHING FOR OWNERS TO LOOK AFTER THE CHIBI HAMSTERS

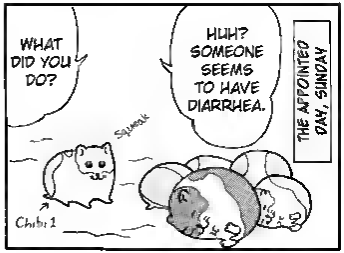

BUT THEY GET EXHAUSTED AND WOULD OFTEN FALL
BUMP
Thump
Wow

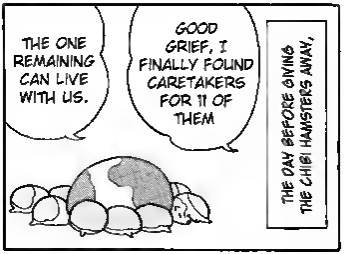
Staaaaaaaaaare
THEN, A BALD SPOT APPEARED ON CHIBI'S HEAD FROM THE STRESS

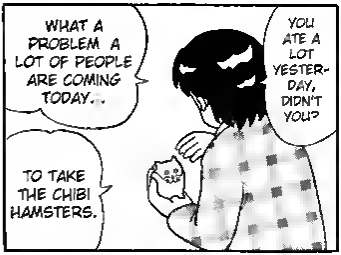

BUT IT WAS HARD TO GET DOWN...
BECAUSE OF THAT, HANAKO TRIED TO DO IT AS WELL SHE DIDN'T GET EXHAUSTED ENOUGH TO FALL...

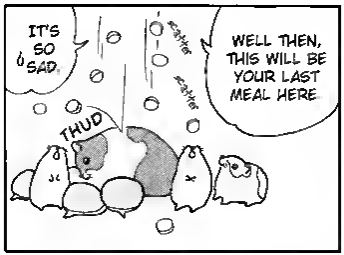

Or maybe your mother did?
Baby? So you got married?
Grandma the babies were born
Mom is 33
She must have worked hard
INCIDENTALLY, THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH GRANDMA

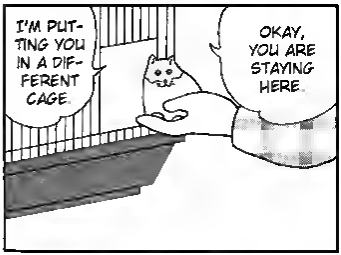

THUD
SO SHE WOULD LET GO OF THE BARS
Squeak
Squeak
Squeak

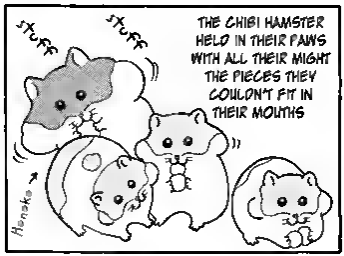




THE ONE REMAINING CAN LIVE WITH US.
GOOD GRIEF, I FINALLY FOUND CARETAKERS FOR 11 OF THEM
THE DAY BEFORE GIVING THE CHIBI HAMSTERS AWAY,



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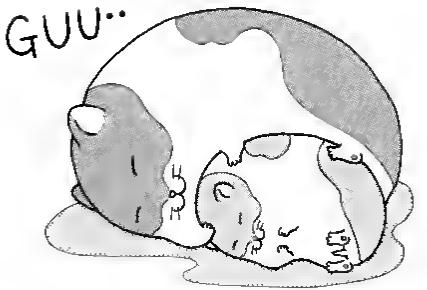
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# めだまのみりょく

ますむらひろし(マンガ家)

「ハム研」がまきちらす魅力は、大雪さんの《目玉》の魅力だと思う。

彼女のまんまる目玉を通して、ここに描かれた作品たちは、ネズミぎらいの僕がもっている拒絶フィルターを軽がると通りぬけて、僕に不思議な快感をあたえてくれる。この快感は、日々ガチガチに固まりがちな僕の心が「ハム研」を読んでいるうちに、ホワーッとやわらかになっていくためなんだが、そうさせてくれるのは、実は大雪さんの目玉を通して見えてくる《小さな命のしぐさ》によるものだ。

やきいもを食って熱がるの図や首輪はずし顔グシャの図、ここちよく眠る顔や12匹のこどもが乳を飲んでるシーン。

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僕はこの作品を読んで二つのことを思った。ひとつは《僕らはいつのころから、ちいさな声を聞く耳や観察する瞳を閉じてしまったのだろう》ということ。

そしてもうひとつは《ペットショップは、店のハムスターを売る時は必ずこの本をそえること》

# AFTERWORD

Hamsters are animals that have given me fun memories. This manga is sort of my diary, but it would make me happy if you have fun reading it. I'll keep hoping that at least one more hamster fan will be born...

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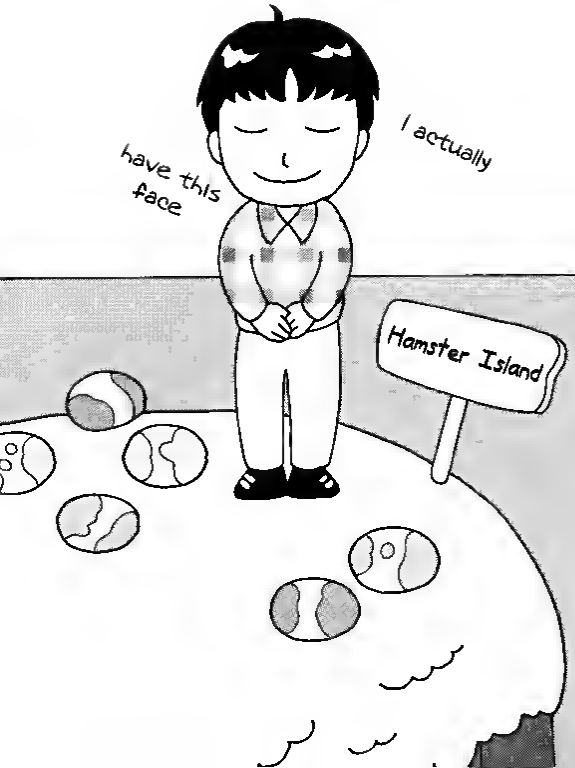


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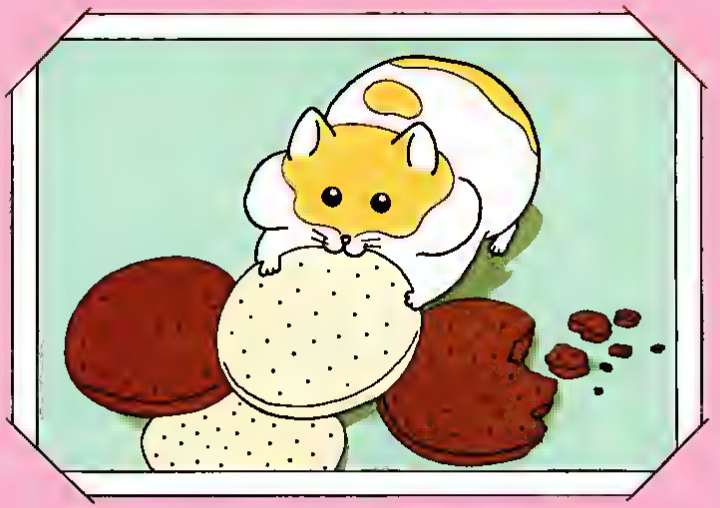

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